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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 12, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.